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Letter dated 9 June 2004 from the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Pursuant to Article 54 of the Charter of the United Nations and resolution No. 265, adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at its sixteenth regular session at the summit level, held in Tunis, Republic of Tunisia, on 22 and 23 May 2004, concerning the occupation by the Islamic Republic of Iran of the three Arab islands belonging to the United Arab Emirates in the Arabian Gulf, namely the Greater Tunb, the Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Amre Moussa, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, regarding that resolution.

I should be grateful if you would see to it that the present letter and its annex are issued and circulated as a document of the Security Council (see annex).

(*Signed*) Yahya **Mahmassani**
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Head of the New York Mission

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I wish to inform you that the Council of the League of Arab States, meeting in Tunis on 22 and 23 May 2004 in its sixteenth regular session at the summit level, adopted resolution 265 on the occupation by the Islamic Republic of Iran of the three Arab islands belonging to the United Arab Emirates in the Arabian Gulf, namely the Greater Tunb, the Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa.

The resolution included an appeal to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the President of the Security Council to maintain this issue among the matters of which the Security Council is seized until Iran ends its occupation of the three islands and the United Arab Emirates recovers its full sovereignty over them.

I am confident that you will accord this matter the necessary attention and continue your efforts towards the recovery by the United Arab Emirates of its three occupied islands, inviting the Islamic Republic of Iran to accept the position of the United Arab Emirates, which calls for a peaceful settlement of this dispute in accordance with the practices, covenants and rules of international law and through earnest, direct negotiations or recourse to the International Court of Justice, so as to build confidence and strengthen security and stability in the Arabian Gulf region.

(*Signed*) Amre **Moussa**
Secretary-General